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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/600,401	Applicant(s) JONES ET AL.	
	Examiner Charles G. Freay	Art Unit 3746	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 January 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 2,4,14 and 16 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 10-13 and 15 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,5 and 8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6,7 and 9 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election without traverse of Group I in the reply filed on January 10, 2006 is acknowledged.

Claim Objections

Claim 6 is objected to because of the following informalities: claim 6 should depend from claim 5 in order to provide correct antecedent basis for "said lubrication passage". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. The claim sets forth that the combustor liner is mounted without fasteners. The specification only teaches that the liner can be attached by the various fastening

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techniques listed at paragraph [23] of page 4. There is no teaching of how the liner would be mounted without fasteners.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 3 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Rodgers et al (USPN 5,207,054).

Rodgers et al disclose a static structure for a gas turbine engine comprising a forward housing (10,128), a diffuser housing (shown near 90,64), a combustor housing (89 in Fig. 1 and 192 in Fig. 6), as shown in Fig. 6 the liner is mounted without fasteners, and there is a forward housing (16).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was

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not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rodgers et al in view of Heitmann et al (USPN 4,038,815).

As set forth above Rodgers et al discloses a gas turbine static structure substantially as claimed. Rodgers et al do not however disclose a lubrication passage in the forward housing which is communicating with the rotor shaft bearing. Heitmann et al disclose a similar gas turbine engine static structure which has a forward housing (10,14) including a passage for delivering lubricant to the shaft bearings (note col. 7 lines 12-15). At the time of the invention it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide the forward housing of Rodgers et al with a with a lubrication passage as taught by Heitmann et al in order to lubricate and thus increase the useful life of the forward bearings.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 10-13 and 15 are allowed.

Claims 6, 7 and 9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.


Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Seymour discloses a similar gas turbine engine..

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles G. Freay whose telephone number is 571-272-4827. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Timothy Thorpe can be reached on 571-272-4444. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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